Sl.No.	Name of Species
26.	Artocarpus gomezianus Wall.ex. Tree. ssp. zeylanica Jarr
27.	Thalicirum javanicum Bl
28.	Tinospora sinensis (Lour) Merr
29.	Achyranthes bidentata Bl
30.	Aerva sanguinolenta (L.) Bl
31.	Nothosaerva brachiata (L.) Wight
32.	Polygonum pulchrum Bl
33.	Polygonum stagninum Buch.-Ham. ex Meissn
34.	Elaeocarpus sphaericus (Gaertn.) Schum
35.	GrewiavillosaWild
36.	Hydnocarpus alpina Wight

Encroachment in elephant's habitat

1761. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the natural passage for elephant has been encroached by human beings and as a result they stray into human inhabitants; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to correct the situtation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India views encroachment on forest lands quite seriously and takes up the matter with the concerned State Government as soon as any such case comes to its notice. The State Forest Departments take action against the offenders under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 in respect of encroachments on Protected Areas and under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the relevant Forest Act in respect of encroachments on other forest areas. In cases of private lands being used by elephants as corridors, Government of India provides financial support to States under Project Elephant for acquisition of land, demarcation, reforestation and also for eco-development activities for

reducing biotic pressure on such corridors. An amount of Rs. 3.33 Crore has been released to the State Government under the Project since its inception for protection and development of elephant corridors.

Sale of peacock feathers

1762. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of illegal sale of peacock feathers;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken to prevent its sale;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) Peacock tail feathers are shed annually and are collected countrywide by local people, in rural and urban areas, for religious, cultural and other purposes. There is no restriction on collection and sale of naturally shed peacock tail feathers within the country. However, export of peacock tail feathers is banned.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Increase in National Parks and Bird Sanctuaries

1763. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to increase the number of National Parks, Bird Sanctuaries, Zoo's, project tigers and elephants and lion safaris in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of such increase proposed to be made in 2003-04, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) Power to establish national parks and sanctuaries vests with State Government,